

Dash Mills,
Hemel Hempstead.

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My dear Prof. Gray

I must apologize
for not having sooner
replied to your very
kind letter of last
month - They have
however made me
among other things
President of the Society
of Antiquaries and
that last straw though
it has not broken the
camels back has
considerably interfered
with its keeping pace
with its correspondents

long retain him as
the President of the R.S.
We were down at the
Hookers new house at
Sunningdale the other
day at a pleasant
garden-party and
much admired the
retreat he has made
for himself whenever
he chooses to give up
Kew - I do not think
that the place was begun
when you were in England
then shall we have the
pleasure of seeing you
and Mrs Gray over here
again - Our kind regards
to you both and every
thanks for your kindness
to Norman - your sincere
John Evans

I was very glad to hear
as indeed I already
had heard from other
quarters that my son
Norman was getting
on so well in Chemist-
ry - He seems thorough-
ly to like his subject
and I hope will even-
tually manage to
make himself a
name in it - I heard
from him the other
day and he talked
of going off for a
holiday to Sicily!
but I am not sure

whether he has been
able to accomplish it
I think from what
he says that he is
certain to remain
at Cambridge another
year and I am sure
he will appreciate the
kindness you are
so ready to show him.
You will be glad to
hear that Prof Huxley
seems decidedly better
since his return to
England, and now
that he is throwing
off all his official work
I hope that he may